

\*\*\*\*\*September 28, 2020\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020. This meeting was held in-person at the Mountain Arts Community Center in addition to electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Councilmember Cheryl Graham  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the August 10, 2020 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the August 24, 2019 special meeting were presented. There was a minor correction that did not affect the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Landrum asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting resumed.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN F. ROBINSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION VIII (A) 1 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL POLICY, RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY PAY."

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TINKER MA, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIBRARY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000.00)."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BASELINE SPORTS CONSTRUCTION, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$857,297.00), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO MARION AND DRIVER FIELD AS PART OF THE LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND GRANT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT."

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LAWSON ELECTRIC CO. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE (3) LIGHT POLES IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX INCLUDING THE REATTACHMENT OF EXISTING LIGHTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$12,440.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

6. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PHALTLESS, INC. FOR THE REPAIR AND PAVING OF THE REAR DRIVEWAY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$53,250.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

7. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO HIGGINS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FERN TRAIL STREAM BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT FOR FORTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$41,962.00) WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY OF FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (4,196.00) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$46,158.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

8. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CHASE RELINE, INC. FOR THE STONEHAVEN SLIP-LINING PROJECT FOR TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$28,850.00) WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY OF TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,885.00) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$31,735.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

### **Ordinances**

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, CHAPTER 13, SECTION 2-1302 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE TOWN PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FROM FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO SEVEN (7) MEMBERS."

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with Vice Mayor Lusk and Councilmembers Graham and Murdock voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance and Mayor Landrum opposed.

### **Discussion**

- a. **BZA Process.** Mayor Landrum said he had spoken with Town Attorney, Harry Cash, who explained that an appeal to a decision by the BZA is handled through Chancery Court. In

addition, Mr. Cash informed the Council that the BZA rulings don't set precedent, set policy or change the Town Code. Mayor Landrum stated that the term "hardship" needs to be defined. Council held discussion regarding adding a Council liaison or Planning Commission members to the BZA. Mayor Landrum request that Town Manager, Boyd Veal, research the matter.

- b. Transfer Station Operations. Mr. Veal informed the Council that he and the Public Works Department staff are currently looking into methods and processes to reduce the costs and improve productivity at the Transfer Station. Mr. Veal explained that due to COVID, the Transfer Station has realized a much higher volume, which is not decreasing. Council discussed various possibilities.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal reported that Signal Point will re-open the next day.

Mr. Veal said he met with the Cliff Fite, Stormwater Manager and the Kyle Banning, Engineering Tech. at the Playhouse to assess stormwater issues at that location. Following discussions it was decided that staff will seek a consultation with an Engineer to obtain an estimate of costs for this project.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that requests for property/residence variances often require a lot of peripheral work that can take a lot of staff time. He cited an example of a recent request whereby he spent considerable time reviewing all residences on N. Palisades to determine the most commonly occurring set-back.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the first phase of paving will begin tomorrow.

Mr. Veal told the Council that in the last few weeks he has attended numerous meetings, including with the WWTa and the 911 Boards.

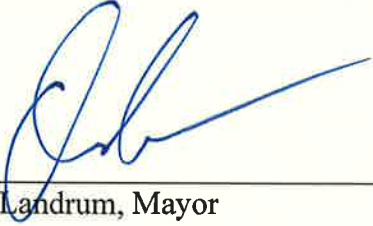
Mr. Veal informed the Council that he will be in training next Wednesday and Thursday for CMFO continuing education credits.

### **Other Business**

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. Mayor Landrum informed the Council that he has requested that the Fire and Police Chiefs give an update on how the Town's pay for the public safety employees compares to other governments in the Chattanooga area. Mayor Landrum said the Town works with a small staff who work hard, and that regardless of pay scales, even when budgets are tight, residents continue to have high expectations.
- b. Communications from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Other. Mr. Veal informed the Council that a resident made a donation to the Town to remove unwanted trees from Leena Givens park. He said the Tree Board has marked 17

trees that can be removed. Mr. Veal said the estimated cost is \$5,000.00, of which the Town will be responsible for \$2,500.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Dan Landrum, Mayor

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Recorder